IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SEWER INFRA-
STRUCTURE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), P.L. 117-2, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 9901 of ARPA creates the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, which includes broadband infrastructure and sewer infrastructure projects as allowable uses of the fund; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's estimated share of federal funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be $1.19 billion available until December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that a committee is hereby created to undertake and complete a study of the expenditure of ARPA funds for broadband infrastructure and sewer infrastructure. The committee shall be composed of the members of the House of Representatives Environment, Energy and Technology Committee and the members of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee. The committee shall study and make recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature regarding the expenditure of federal funds received for broadband infrastructure and sewer infrastructure under ARPA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in voting upon any motion before the committee, separate votes shall be taken of the representatives serving on the committee and of the senators serving on the committee. A majority of the senators and a majority of the representatives shall be required to approve any motion before the full committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to receive input, advice, and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature.